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REMARKS

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1. The only air unit stationed at the Budejovice (O 49/Q 96) airfield in April 1950 was an air police unit of the SIB. This unit was directly subordinate to the Ministry of the Interior, Security Department, Air Force. The unit numbered 30 men, including 1 sublieutenant, two lieutenants, and a senior lieutenant who was the commander. The others were sergeants, of whom about 10 men were pilots and the remaining men were ground personnel, mechanics and signal personnel. The unit had its own signal communications and took over the Radio Signal Station when civilian air traffic was stopped in the fall of 1949. (1) Only one hangar and an administration building on the southern section of the field were used by the unit. (2)
2. Improvement work was being done at the field in April 1950. A new concrete runway was under construction. (3) In April 1950, the runway was about 1,000 meters long, but it was not completed and not yet used by aircraft. Hangars and buildings were located on the northern and southern sections of the field. The campment on the eastern edge of the field was occupied by the 2nd Air Repl Regt. In the fall of 1949, the civilian section was taken over by the SIB.
3. The SIB unit practiced flying with seven aircraft, including four Me-109s, two Fieseler Storchs and one Cuckoo. The Me-109s had the upper parts of the fuselage and wings painted gray-green, the lower parts silver gray, and the nose and tail unit red. The red-white-blue Czechoslovakian national emblem was on both sides of the rudder assembly and on the undersides of the wings. Numbers were painted on both sides of the fuselage and also on the undersides of the wings. The Storch, painted like the Me-109, was equipped with a radio set and was used as a reconnaissance plane. It had no weapons. The Cuckoo plane, which had recently been assigned to the SIB unit, had not yet had its nose and tail unit painted red. (1)
4. No jet aircraft were seen at the field prior to April 1950. (1)

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Comments

- (1) The re-interrogation of source yields important supplementary data on the air police unit of the SIB stationed at the Budejovice airfield. The data are generally believed credible, that the SIB unit was equipped with Arado and Piper aircraft. 25X1A
- (2) For sketch of airfield, see annex. This sketch generally agrees with the previous description. However, the two hangars, one of the Aeroclub and the

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other of the Czech Airlines, were not mentioned by

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- (3) The information that the runway was not completed by April 1950 is believed credible. [redacted] who was a construction foreman at the airfield, reported in September 1949 that the construction of the runway was scheduled to last three years.
 - (4) This information is considered to be correct since no jet aircraft have been seen in Czechoslovakia, except in the Prague area. Jet planes will certainly not arrive at the Budejovice airfield before the runway is completed.

1 Annex: Sketch showing airfield.

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